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Beaverton Police Department **Begins 2012 Three Flags Blitz Campaigns**

The Beaverton Police Department will be working in conjunction with the Three Flags Safety Belt Enforcement Program. The first Blitz of the 2012 campaign will kick off on Monday, February 6. The Blitz runs from February 6 through February 19, 2012.

This two week campaign will have officers focusing on proper belt fit and seatbelt use, proper use and installation of all child safety restraints, and speeding violations.

Though most Oregonians wear their safety belts routinely, more than 96% of those who don't buckle up represent almost half of all crash fatalities. Both adults and children who are unbelted or improperly belted are five times more likely to be ejected in a crash. The odds of surviving after being thrown from a vehicle are about one in four.

In addition, while Oregon law doesn't require it, safety advocates recommend that children, ages 12 and under, ride in the rear seating position. Research indicates that such rear seating reduces the risk of injury by 37% for that age group.

The Beaverton Police Department holds free safety seat clinics throughout the year. The next clinic will be on February 18, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at a NEW LOCATION: Kuni Cadillac 3725 S.W. Cedar Hills Boulevard.

For a calendar with other local free clinic event information, visit www.chilfsafetyseat.org. To view a video on proper child safety seat installation, visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/carseatvideo.shtml> or <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/images/SafetyBelts/swf/index.html>.

The Beaverton Police Department will continue to strive to keep our citizens safe, reminding you that car seats, seat belts and following the posted speed limit are an effective way to protect you and your family. Our enforcement efforts will be on-going as we work with the community to save lives.

Three Flag Blitz campaigns are funded through grants received from the Oregon Chiefs of Police and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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